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Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

Draft resolution submitted by the Chair

Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,[1] adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009, in which Member States decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2014, should conduct a high-level review of the implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, recommended that the Economic and Social Council devote a high-level segment to a theme related to the world drug problem, and also recommended that the Assembly hold a special session to address the world drug problem,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem", in which the Assembly decided to convene, in early 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress made in the implementation of the Political

* E/CN.7/2014/1.

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

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Declaration and Plan of Action, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments, and also decided to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing resources,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 68/197 of 18 December 2013, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem", in which the Assembly welcomed Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 56/12 of 15 March 2013, in which the Commission had recommended that, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, it should play a leading role in the preparatory process for the special session of the Assembly on the world drug problem to be convened in early 2016, including by presenting its proposals, through the Economic and Social Council, regarding progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 68/197, requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the United Nations organ with the prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session, including by presenting proposals from the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Commission through the Economic and Social Council in support of the preparatory process, including progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, to be considered by the Assembly starting at its sixty-ninth session,

Conscious of its role as the principal United Nations policymaking body on drug-related issues,

Recalling that Member States decided in the Political Declaration to establish 2019 as a target date for States to eliminate or reduce significantly and measurably the illicit cultivation of opium poppy, coca bush and cannabis plant, the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, drug-related health and social risks, the illicit production, manufacture, marketing and distribution of and trafficking in psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs, the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors, and money-laundering related to illicit drugs,

Recalling also the Joint Ministerial Statement adopted during the high-level segment of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in which Member States identified, on the basis of the review of the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, achievements, challenges and priorities for further action, in the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments,

1. *Urges* States that have not done so to consider ratifying or acceding to and States parties to implement, as a matter of priority, all the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[2] the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[3] and the United Nations

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.
[3] Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988;[4]

2. *Underlines* the importance of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be convened in early 2016 as a milestone on the way to 2019, which has been set as the target date in the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem[5] for the review of implementation;

3. *Welcomes* the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/197 of 18 December 2013 to the Commission, as the United Nations organ with the prime responsibility for drug control matters, to engage in the preparatory process for the special session;

4. *Decides* to take all possible measures to ensure adequate preparation for the special session by using its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner, bearing in mind the decision by the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing resources;

5. *Affirms* that, when conducting preparations for the special session, its meetings will be open to the participation of all Member States and observers of the United Nations, in accordance with the rules of procedure and with established practice, including that of the special session of the General Assembly held in 1998 on countering the world drug problem together;

6. *Decides* to present proposals, for consideration by the General Assembly, regarding all organizational matters, including the agenda, dates, substantive issues to be covered and expected outcomes, and other issues relevant to the successful preparations for, outcome of and follow-up to the special session;

7. *Also decides* that, in preparation for the special session, it will hold formal meetings following its fifty-seventh session, including *[two]* formal meetings immediately preceding its reconvened fifty-seventh session in December 2014, it will devote *[four]* meetings during its fifty-eighth session, to be held in March 2015, to the preparations for the special session, and it will hold intersessional meetings with a view to preparing the formal meetings;

8. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as the lead entity of the United Nations in drug control matters, to provide substantive expertise and technical support to the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 2016, and requests the Secretariat to prepare, for consideration by the Commission, a report containing recommendations on the preparations for, the possible outcome of and organizational matters relating to that special session;

9. *Encourages* the participation of developing countries and the provision of assistance to the least developed countries in the preparatory work undertaken by the Commission in order to work actively towards the attainment of the objectives

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[4] Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

[5] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

and goals of the special session and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for this purpose;

10. *Recommends* that organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks, other relevant international organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board, and regional organizations contribute fully to the preparations by the Commission for the special session of the General Assembly, in particular by submitting to the Commission, through the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, concrete recommendations on the issues to be addressed by the Assembly at that session;

11. *Recognizes* the important role played by non-governmental organizations and also recognizes the need for their active involvement in preparations for the special session, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements for their substantive contribution and active involvement during the special session in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice, including that of the special session of the General Assembly held in 1998 on countering the world drug problem together;

12. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the preparations by the Commission, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations, bearing in mind the decision by the General Assembly to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing regular budget resources;

13. *Resolves* to inform the General Assembly regularly about the work it is undertaking in preparing for the special session;

14. *Decides* to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

The General Assembly,

1. *Welcomes* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 57/[...] of [...] March 2014 and notes with satisfaction the support expressed at the high-level review by the Commission of the progress made by Member States in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem[6] for the decision taken by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012 to convene a special session on the world drug problem in 2016, in implementation of the recommendation contained in paragraph 40 of the Political Declaration;

2. *Urges* States that have not done so to consider ratifying or acceding to and States parties to implement, as a matter of priority, all the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[7] the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[8] and

[6] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

[7] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

[8] Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988;[9]

3. *Stresses* the importance of the special session in 2016, as noted in Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 57/[...] of [...] March 2014, as a milestone on the way to 2019, which has been set as the target date in the Political Declaration for the review of implementation;

4. *Reaffirms* that, at its special session in 2016, it will address substantive issues on the basis of the principle of common and shared responsibility and with full respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in international law, and in particular with respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States;

5. *Decides* that the special session will be convened following the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, scheduled to be held in March 2016;

6. *Decides also* that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should act as the preparatory body for the special session in 2016 and that its deliberations should be open-ended, allowing for the full participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and observers, in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to take all necessary measures to use its existing meetings and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner to ensure adequate preparation for the special session in 2016 and requests the Commission to continue to take all necessary measures to prepare for the special session, as early as possible;

8. *Encourages* the participation of developing countries and the provision of assistance to the least developed countries in order to work actively towards the attainment of the objectives and goals of the special session in 2016 and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for this purpose;

9. *Recognizes* the important role played by non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem and recognizes the need for their active involvement in preparations for the special session in 2016, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements for their contribution during the special session, in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice;

10. *Invites* organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, multilateral development banks and other relevant international organizations, including the International Narcotics Control Board, and regional organizations to contribute fully to the preparations for the special session, in particular by submitting to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, through the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs

[9] Ibid., vol. 1582, No. 27627.

and Crime, concrete recommendations on the issues to be addressed at the special session in 2016;

11. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to report to it at its seventieth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the preparations for the special session in 2016.